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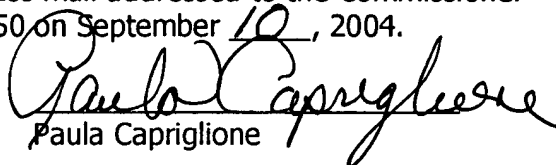
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In the Matter of the Application of: C. Brindle  
For: Series/Shunt Switch and Method of Control  
Serial No.: 10/648,022 Filed: August 26, 2003  
Examiner: K. Wells Group Art Unit: 2816

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**REPLY TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This reply is in response to the first Office Action mailed August 26, 2004 for the above identified application. This reply is being filed within the one month shortened statutory period for response set in the Office Action.

Charge any fee associated with this reply and credit any overcharge to Deposit Account No. 23-1950.

The Office has required Applicants to elect a single species for prosecution on the merits from one of four species, identified as follow:

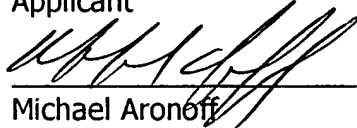
- Species A corresponding to Figure 3;
- Species B corresponding to Figure 4;
- Species C corresponding to Figure 5; and
- Species D corresponding to Figure 6.

Applicant elects to prosecute Species A corresponding to Figure 3. At least claims 1 – 4, 6 – 15, 18, and 19 read on Species A. The election is made without traverse. However, Applicant expressly reserve the right to have pursue the nonelected species in this or continuation or divisional applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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